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re Patent application of :

Man-Ho Jae et al. : Group Art Unit 1763

Serial No 10/087,855 : Examiner Sylvia MacArthur

Filed March 5, 2002 :

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLISHING A SUBSTRATE WHILE WASHING A POLISHING PAD OF THE APPARATUS WITH AT LEAST ONE FREE-FLOWING VERTICAL STREAM OF LIQUID

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004.

Claim Summary

No amendments have been made to the claims, and accordingly, claims 1-18 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-5 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter.

35 U.S.C. ¶102 and ¶103

Claims 6-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. ¶102 or ¶103 as being unpatentable over Chopra et al. (US 6736926), taken alone or in combination with Tolles et al. (US

6051499), for the reasons stated at pages 2-6 of the Office Action.

Without acquiescing to the reasoning underlying the Examiner's rejections, Applicants propose to render moot the rejections by perfecting Applicants' claim of priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2001-15622. Noting a certified copy of said priority application is already of record, attached is an English-language translation of the same.

It is believed that all of claims 6-18 are fully supported by Applicants' priority application. Since the 9th October 2001 filing date of Chopra et al. is subsequent to the 26th March 2001 filing date of Applicants' priority application, it is further believed that Chopra et al. does not qualify as prior art against claims 6-18.

Conclusion

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon the claims now pending in the application are requested.

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